

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE", the specification of which was filed on 10/19/01, accorded Serial No. 10/046,453 and is identified by Attorney's Docket No. ONUX-16.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits (1) under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/818,300, filed

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03/27/01 for SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE, which is a continuation-in-part of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/368,273, filed 08/03/99 for SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE; and (2) under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/242,237, filed 10/20/00 for SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF USE.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so

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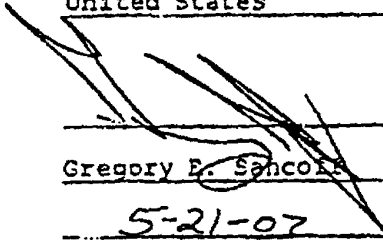
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